

**Minutes of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group
November 4, 2021**

Chair Andruss called the virtual meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., held both in person and through GoToMeeting online platform.

23 of the 30 voting members, or their alternates, were present.

Voting Members Present:

Tim Andruss	Humberto Ramos
Amber Beard	Weldon Riggs
Curt Campbell	Roland Ruiz
Debbie Farmer	Blaine Schorp for Dianne Savage
Steve graham	Mitchell Sowards
Vic Hilderbran	Jonathan Stinson
Tom Jungman	Heather Sumpter
Russell Labus	Thomas Taggart
Glenn Lord	Ian Taylor
Gary Middleton	Dianne Wassenich
Robert Puente	Adam Yablonski
Vanessa Puig Williams	

Voting Members Absent:

John Byrum	Daniel Meyer
Rey Chavez	Darren Simmons
Will Conley	
Charlie Flatten	

Non-Voting Members Present:

Marty Kelly, TX Department of Parks and Wildlife
Elizabeth McCoy, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Iliana Delgado, TCEQ
Ronald Fieseler, Region K Liaison
Jami McCool, TX Dept. of Agriculture
Don McGhee, Region M Liaison
Charles Wiedenfeld, Region J Liaison
Carl Crull, Region N Liaison
Rusty Ray, Texas Soil & Water Cons. Board

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AGENDA ITEM NO.1: (9:30 AM) ROLL CALL

Ms. Kendall Hayes, San Antonio River Authority, called the role and confirmed a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP (SCTRWPG)

Mr. Middleton motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion, motion passed

AGENDA ITEM NO.4: STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Ms. Elizabeth McCoy provided an update. TWDB asked each RWPG to submit nominations to serve on the Interregional Planning Council, later acted upon on Agenda Item No.6. TWDB is reviewing the input received from the public comment period and will provide a report at a later time.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: STATUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING INCLUDING REPORTS BY THE CHAIR, REGIONAL LIAISONS, GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA REPRESENTATIVES, AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING GROUP

Chair Andruss provided an update on the status of Black & Veatch's contract.

GMA's 10 and 15 are on track to submit their report to TWDB. Mr. Campbell provided an update on GMA 9. At an upcoming joint planning committee, they will take action on confirming DFC's.

Ms. Wassenich provided an update on Region K. The Region is at the same stage of the planning process as Region L.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: DISCUSSION AND NOMINATION OF ONE PLANNING GROUP MEMBER AND ONE ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THE NEXT INTERREGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Mr. Middleton moved to nominate Chair Andruss as the primary and Mr. Stinson as the alternate to serve on the Interregional Planning Council. Mr. Taggert seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES OF SCTRWPG VOTING MEMBERS. VACANCIES INCLUDE: ELECTRIC GENERATING UTILITIES AND COUNTIES

Chair Andruss shared the Executive Committee's recommendation to the planning group. The Executive Committee recommends Mr. Travis Pruski to fill the vacancy of the Counties interest group. Chair Andruss moved to seat Mr. Pruski. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion, motion passed.

Mr. Ruiz motioned to allow the San Antonio River Authority to solicit nominations for open seats in between meetings. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair Andruss requested that the RWPG pass on the discussion of subcommittees establishment. The agenda item shall be moved to the February meeting and will be restructured to support the discussion and possible establishment of subcommittees.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE SCTRWPG'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ms. Wassenich asked if there were legislative changes that impact the RWPG's principles. Ms. McCoy mentioned that in HB 1905 there were a couple of revisions. Chair Andruss stated that these do not affect the group's Guiding Principles. Discussion ensued regarding the guiding principles. The group will review the guiding principles and discuss at a later meeting. At the next meeting, the planning group will discuss the principles and if necessary, create a subcommittee to assist with rewording the principles.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF JOHN BYRUM TO SERVE AS REGION J LIAISON

Mr. Yablonski motioned to select Mr. Byrum to serve as the Region J liaison. Mr. Jungman seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.11: DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE SCTRWPG'S 2022 MEETING DATES

Ms. Hayes provided suggested dates for 2022 meetings: February 03, 2022, May 05, 2022, August 04, 2022, and November 03, 2022.

Mr. Graham motioned to adopt the suggested dates as the 2022 meeting dates. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion, motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12: SCHEDULE AND POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SCTRWPG

Mr. Middleton requested a TWDB presentation to review the legislative membership requirements for planning group members.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13: PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: ADJOURN

Mr. Middleton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.